

LOS OSOS WASTEWATER PROJECT TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

San Luis Obispo County Department of Public Works



Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 21, 2007

- 1) Call to Order/Roll Call: Approximately 12:05 pm, Chairman Garfinkel calls the meeting to order. Absent: George Call and Rob Shipe.
- 2) Agenda Item 1, Approval of Meeting Minutes from May 7, 2007: Public comments on correction to minutes. Rob Miller comments on the spelling of Dr. George Tchobanoglous's name. **Rob Miller motions to accept minutes with corrections, Marshall Ochylski seconds. Motion carries.**
- 3) Agenda Item 2, TAC Discussion of Pro/Con Analysis: Opening Comments by Chairman Garfinkel (attached). Discusses role of TAC and topics of discussion of this meeting.

John Waddell updates committee on status of Fine Screening Report. It is expected to be released before the next TAC meeting. Copies will be available for the public at the Los Osos Library, Los Osos CSD, project website, and County Public Works Department office. A Town Hall meeting with the Project Team is planned for the middle of June. The date and time of this meeting are to be announced.

Advisory committee discusses water purveyor participation. Advisory committee discusses communications with property owners in areas outside Prohibition Zone; a peer review of Fine Screening Report; the 30 day public comment period after release of Fine Screening Report; and the Proposition 218 vote and community advisory survey.

Advisory committee discusses procedures for receiving and responding to public comments. Discussion includes: public comment redundancy; number of public comment periods per meeting; public participation; and comments outside the scope of the advisory committee. County staff will follow up with County legal counsel to identify legal issues. Advisory committee discusses efficiency and length of meetings. Supervisor Gibson offers input on duration of meetings, receiving/responding to public comments, and a committee Code of Conduct. Chairman Garfinkel will put together a summary of committee discussion for next meeting.

Advisory committee discusses the focus of discussion at meetings. Discussion includes: Code of Conduct; structure of meetings; a written Code of Conduct at the top of the agenda; and a Power Point slide of agenda items to be displayed at

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Project email address: LOWWP@co.slo.ca.us

meetings. Maria Kelly and James Furman will meet with Chairman Garfinkel to draft a Code of Conduct to be considered at the next meeting.

Advisory committee discusses topics for future meetings and beginning the pro/con analysis. Topics include evaluation of Ch 7: Summary of Fine Screening Report with a presentation from County; and subsequent meetings analyzing the Fine Screening Report chapter by chapter.

Public Comments on Agenda Item 2

Dave Duggan: Discussion of rules of decorum; public comments; meeting length; and agenda structure.

John Michener: Discussion of Tri-W project and impacts on property owners living outside the Prohibition Zone.

Richard Margetson: Discussion of meeting process and previous public comments at meetings

Gewynn Taylor: Discussion of public comments at meetings.

Advisory committee response to public comment: Discussion of public comment protocol; structure of public comments for multiple public comment periods; public outbursts during discussion period; meeting efficiency; and submission of written comments. Discussion of using phrase "Rules of Decorum" instead of "Code of Conduct ". County staff will forward emails posted to the Project website that are relevant to TAC matters (attached). **No action taken.**

- 4) Date of next advisory committee meeting: Monday, June 4, 2007 at 12:00 noon in County Government Center.
- 5) Meeting adjourns at approximately 2:15pm

TAC Meeting - May 21, 2007

Announcements from the Chair

1. Welcome to the seventh meeting of the Los Osos Wastewater Technical Advisory Council.
2. The TAC has been charged by the Board of Supervisors to prepare a pro/con analysis on the wastewater project as presented to us by the county project team. We have no staff to prepare reports and/or analysis on the items on which we deliberate and, as such, the main purpose of our meetings is to discuss among ourselves, and in public, our agenda items. We are a working committee.
3. This committee has avowed to be open to the community and encourage their input on matters that are within our scope of influence. As most everyone is aware our last meeting at the community center did not proceed as smoothly as we would have liked it to go, therefore we are devoting a portion of our discussions today to arrive at a consensus on how we will conduct our future meetings as we enter into our pro/con analysis phase.
4. The major portion of today's meeting is to discuss the procedure we will be using to apply the criteria we adopted to the soon to be released Draft Fine Screening Report.
5. Our next meeting, which will be held here on June 4, will be for the TAC members to ask the Project Team questions and get clarification on the Draft Fine Screening Report. Following that meeting we will meet each week in Los Osos at the Community Center as we proceed through the sections of the report and apply our pro/con analysis.
6. Public comment will be taken at the conclusion of our discussions and for today's meeting we will have Diana Haines collect speaker slips for me. It would be helpful if you only have a short comment (1 minute or less) to indicate it on your slip as I will allow those speakers to come up first.
7. I would like to begin this meeting with a short report from the project team on the status of the Draft Fine Screening Report.

*Presented by
Chairman GarFinkel
5/21/07*

 "abarrow" <abarrow@sbcglobal.net>
05/18/2007 09:13 PM

To "Bruce Gibson"
<bgibson@thegrid.net>,
<bcuddy@thetribunenews.com>,
cc "Leo Tidwell, Jr"
<leojr@tidwellcompanies.com>, "al
barrow" <abarrow@sbcglobal.net>,
Subject Fw: PIPE QUANTIES

Hello Bill;

You might not want our PC. Here is some numbers for the STEP collection that the Engineers on TAC need to have. Rob Muller knows Tidwell. Please be sure and pass it to Westermann and committee.

Thank You,

Al Barrow, President, Citizens for Affordable and Safe Environment & Coalition for Low Income Housing

----- Original Message -----

From: abarrow@sbcglobal.net

To: Ripac@attbi.com

Cc: abarrow@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2004 1:03 PM

Subject: Fw: PIPE QUANTIES

Hi Dana;

These numbers include piping, potholing and repaving. Total without laterals is \$3,169,000.00 using the highest average to nearest dollar. I asked for 5774 laterals cost added at a 4' depth so as to be under the water system. The Treatment lagoons are around \$8,000,000.00. The onsite is around \$10,000,000.00 for top of the line Orenco hardware biofilter baskets, pumps, risers, flanges, electrical and GIS telephone monitoring. Add 15% contingency \$475,350.00 and 10% engineering \$316,000 and \$1,500,000.00 land cost \$23,460,350.00.

Thank You,

Al Barrow C.A.S.E.

----- Original Message -----

From: Travis Wollerman

To: abarrow

Sent: Monday, June 21, 2004 6:15 AM

Subject: Re: PIPE QUANTIES

----- Original Message -----

From: abarrow

To: TW@tidwellcompanies.com

Cc: abarrow@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2004 2:53 AM

Subject: Fw: PIPE QUANTIES

Hi Travis;

e-mail if you need more information.

Thank You,

AI BARROW CITIZENS FOR AFFORDABLE AND SAFE
ENVIRONMENT&COALITION FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING

----- Original Message -----

From: abarrow

To: Leo Tidwell III

Cc: Bob Stark ; RobM@jlwa.com ; abarrow@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 8:59 PM

Subject: Fw: PIPE QUANTITIES

Hello Leo;

Here are the pipe numbers in linear feet. Rob Miller our District engineer Wallace Group, says around 4 feet deep so we are below water lines ar 3' is a depth to shoot for. We would like a preliminary estimate. As I recall you were between \$9 and \$12 a foot.

Thank You,

AI BARROW CITIZENS FOR AFFORDABLE AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT-----

Original Message -----

From: Robert Stark

To: al barrow

Cc: birgie1326@sbcglobal.net

Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2004 7:22 PM

Subject: PIPE QUANTITIES

FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATED PIPING QUANTITIES FOR THE COLLECTION SYSTEM
BASED ON OSWALD 2000 ADJUSTED TO INCLUDE THE ENTIRE PROHIBITION
ZONE.

3 INCH PIPE	135,000 LINEAL FEET	\$10-12 per/ft
4 "	16,000 "	\$11-13 per/ft
6 "	16,000 "	\$17-19 per/ft
8 "	25,000 "	\$24-30 per/ft
10 "	5,000 "	\$33-38 per/ft
12 "	7,000 "	\$43-50 per/ft
TOTAL	204,000 "	

Al,

These prices should get you in the ball park. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thank You,

Travis Wollerman



"abarrow" <abarrow@sbcglobal.net>
05/20/2007 02:08 AM

To "tony navarro"
<tnavarro@co.slo.ca.us>,
<SDUERR@TRIBUNENEWS.COM>,
cc "jerry lenthall"
<jlenthall@co.slo.ca.gov>,
<windmilljt@sbcglobal.net>, "Tom"
Subject STEP COLLECTION: LOCSD
Presentation HOW WHY COST WITH
TREATMENT \$40-50 MILLION not
\$100M

Hello TAC and Staff;

The numbers you showed at the fine screening preview were way high for STEP/Ponds. Here is ORENCO's cost estimates about half of yours and they back it with their money. That's right no lien just monthly fees. To save interest they allow a payoff. Total cost is about \$10k per DUE of residence.

PLEASE TAKE 10 MINUTES TO SEE THE PP

- It can be installed in 9 months according to two local directional drillers.
- Simultaneous installation of ponds www.case-environmental.org go to ponds
- Interest charged on capital used only
- Most environmentally preferred in the FEIR artifacts ESHA not disturbed
- Meets USEPA guidelines for affordability
- Meets core values for sustainability energy, lowest biosolids
- Life cycle 60 years
- 42 miles of trenching and 750 manholes and lift stations gone
- No INI safer for the drinking water aquifer
- Lower operation and maintenance effort

Thank You,

Al Barrow, President, Citizens for Affordable and Safe Environment & Coalition for Low



Income Housing

LOCSD%20Presentation%20101906.pdf



"Michael Miller" <vmml@charter.net>
05/20/2007 04:02 PM

To "Karen Venditti"
<kjvenditti@sbcglobal.net>
cc <LOWWP@co.slo.ca.us>
Subject Dr. Tom Ruehr

Hi Karen and TAC members,

Just hoping that someone on your TAC Committee has challenged everyone to read this interview with Dr. Ruehr, a pre-eminent soil scientist; Professor of Earth & Soil Sciences at Cal Poly with expertise as a soil microbiologist and biochemist, yet remarkably rejected by the county for membership in the current TAC. His comments on past history and the fallibility of installing large pipes in the unstable Los Osos terrain should be required reading.

Vita Miller
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Los Osos, CA 93402

http://rockofthecoast.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=53&Itemid=32



Shirley M
Jones/PubWorks/COSLO
05/17/2007 10:22 AM

To Paavo Ogren/PubWorks/COSLO@Wings
cc John Waddell/PubWorks/COSLO@Wings, Diana
Haines/PubWorks/COSLO@Wings
bcc
Subject Fw: PWD Contact Form (response #54)

Shirley Jones
Administrative Assistant
Department of Public Works
County of San Luis Obispo
Phone (805) 781-5252

----- Forwarded by Shirley M Jones/PubWorks/COSLO on 05/17/2007 10:22 AM -----



"CMS System Administrator"
<webmaster@co.slo.ca.us>
05/16/2007 04:53 PM

To "PWD@co.slo.ca.us" <PWD@co.slo.ca.us>
cc
Subject PWD Contact Form (response #54)

PWD Contact Form (response #54)
Survey Information

Site: County of SLO
Page Title: PWD Contact Form
URL: <http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/contactus/PublicWorksContactUs.htm>

Submission
Time/Date: 5/16/2007 4:52:29 PM

Survey Response

Name:

Scott Kimura

Best Method to Contact You

E-Mail Telephone

Contact Information (E-Mail address or telephone
number)

skimura@tenera.com, cell:
550-1449

Requests, Comments, or Questions:

For Paavo Ogren see attachment

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To: Los Osos Wastewater TAC members and County Public Works staff
Subject: Pro/Con criteria and fine screening analysis for the Los Osos sewer

CORE VALUES

Last night (April 15, 2007) the Los Osos Wastewater TAC solicited input from the public on core values in designing and locating the Los Osos sewer. I live outside the LOCSD, and I would like to add that '**responsibility**' be added to the list of core values.

We outside of town accept our responsibilities. We take care of our properties and are proper land stewards. We also pay additional fees for fire and ambulance service, because that is the right thing to do. We resolve our own problems and do not take them to neighbors. We are responsible citizens.

In contrast, we outside of town see the 'Move the Sewer' people and their supporters in Los Osos not having the same ethics of responsibility. They want to take a problem they created within the LOCSD, complain about it, and foist it into someone else's backyard. This is not responsible. The people of Los Osos should assume full responsibility for their actions, accept any consequences, and solve their own problems within their own boundaries (LOCSD). Please add 'responsibility' to the list of core values.

PRO/CON CRITERIA AND FINE SCREENING ANALYSIS

Much of what I have to say below is probably information that you are already incorporating into you assessments.

Feasibility and likelihood of success should be two additional criteria used in ranking sites for the Los Osos sewer. A component common to both of these criteria is the **time-line to completion**.

For example, if a sewer is proposed for out-of-town, it will be met with opposition. This will lengthen the time to completion. A high risk for delays lowers the project's scores for feasibility and likelihood of success, particularly with regards to the time-critical needs of the Regional Water Quality Control Board. A sewer out of town may take 10+ years to complete, if ever. This would not be on the same time-line called for by the Board. It would be in direct conflict with the Board's goals and objectives.

Illegal consequences and ramifications should also be incorporated into the Pro/Con and screening analyses. The new board used Measure B to stop the Tri-W project. Nearly immediately after, however, Measure B was determined to be illegal. Therefore, the project should simply default back to Tri-W, or some other location within the LOCSD. The illegal Measure should not be used as a green light to start all over, and moving the project out of town will be starting all over. Please do not create an example of how an illegal measure can be used to accomplish its original goal of moving the sewer out of town. This would not be responsible.

Scott Kimura
Los Osos Valley



"G.R. Hensley" <g.r.hensley@sbcglobal.net>
05/15/2007 11:17 PM

To LOWWP@co.slo.ca.us
cc
Subject Attn: Bill Garfinkel - TAC Chair

Dear Mr. Garfinkel,

The Community of Fillmore CA is also evaluating wastewater projects. Their technical team has made the following finding:

"The Water Recycling Plant will be using Membrane Bio Reactor technology. This process costs less to construct and the same to operate as other tertiary technologies. It produces water 10 times cleaner than older technologies and adds a third layer of pathogen removal for improved disinfection. This state of the art technology is similar to computer technology: higher performance at lower cost."

I have attached a report from the Ventura County staff that parallels the work of your committee. It may prove helpful to the TAC as you deliberate.

As your Committee is no doubt aware, the current Porter-Cologne California Clean Water Act violation in Los Osos is a discharge of 1 million gallons each day. In addition the groundwater overdraft has added new urgency to resolve the health and safety issues threatening the community. MBR technology continues to prove itself as an effective technique to resolve the very issues Los Osos faces and should be included as an option in all alternatives under consideration - not restricted to the Tri-W alternative only.

Thanks for the work you all are doing on behalf of our water and way of life on the Central Coast.

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